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Presidents Report

by Phil Vernon

Aloha, my wife and I are just returning from Hawaii so I'm a little out of touch with happenings around the QC area for the past week or so. We are trying to get back on Central time and shake off the jet lag. Today was the first day back to work which is not as much fun as Hawaii...

I understand there were some particularly nice days while we were gone and some folks have been taking advantage of the early season pleasant days to get in some flying. If you make a trip to the field you'll see the frequency board has been reinstalled. Everyone is, of course, expected to immediately put the board back into use placing your card and taking the appropriate pin before turning on any transmitter. While there is not a problem with frequency conflict among 2.4 GHz users, you are reminded that we still require placing your card on the board and possessing a pin while using the new radios at our field. I'll be adding a few new 2.4 pins soon to ease congestion. I'm expecting the comfort station to be in place soon as well so the field should be fully restored to summer conditions in the near future. Please be aware that the ground is still soft this time of year and users should not pull vehicles onto the grass until it has firmed up so you do not leave ruts. Finally, when conditions do permit driving into the field, please avoid the muddy spot in the entry, use some sense and don't drive through the mud!

The mall show went well with plenty of planes, helicopters and boats on display. Set up and tear down went smoothly thanks to the volunteer staff from club members. Lucky John Chant won the Sopwith Pup electric kit from the raffle. So he's on the way to starting indoor flying next season. Speaking of which, dome flying has concluded for the season so I'm packing away my electric stuff. I know that electricians are gaining more interest as motors and batteries continue to improve but I'm anxious to get back to flying planes that make noise like they are supposed to do. I've read that some people consider the sound from model airplane engines to be an annoyance but from my perspective, these folks must have some sort of genetic defect. It's music to my ears.

The fuel order has been placed and I'm expecting it to be here this week. Stay tuned for an email notice of when the fuel arrives and please try to pick it up promptly. It will be delivered to my residence at 237 W. 46th St. in Davenport where you will come to pick it up. Payment is expected upon delivery. If you haven't been there or can't remember how to get there, take Brady or Welcome Way to 46th Street, turn west on 46th. Continue on 46th to Harrison, turn left on Harrison and immediately left again into my driveway. Fuel pick up is at the rear for easy access to the garage.

Speaking of noise, we aren't far from the first race and the first event of the season which will be May 2nd at Norman Frye Memorial Field. Time trials are at 9:30 am and racing starts promptly at 10:30. The field will be closed that day to open flying until conclusion of the race around 2:00 pm. Come check it out.

If you're looking for something to do next weekend, check out the Toledo Weak Signals show. One of the largest RC trade shows in the country almost in our back yard. Actually a short six hour drive but worth it. That's where I'm planning to be.

The April meeting is scheduled to be the final indoor meeting of the season. If you've completed new planes for the coming season bring them in to show off. I've got another one done since last month so be sure to stop in to see what's new.

See you at the field!
Phil

.MINUTES OF THE 8 MARCH 2010

The meetings was called to order at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House by President Phil Vernon at 7:28.

There were 28 members and 1 guest present.

The Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$3989.20.

There were no minutes to be read.

OLD BUSINESS

Fuel Buy - The sign up sheet made one last pass. It should wind up on the 19th.

Mall Show - The Mall Show is this weekend. A work party will pick up the stanchions at Larry Patrick's at 3:30. The mall should have the tables there by then along with one chair per table. Setup of displays should be done by 10AM Saturday. Tear down usually goes quickly.

Dome Flying - It looks like indoor flying is done for the season.

SHOW AND TELL

Jerry Newsum showed a Pulse with a 1.20 magnum four-stroke.

Dave Jensen demoed a Blade MSR helicopter that he has been flying around the house.

Phil Vernon covered a table with a set of Don Neal plans for a Hall Bulldog.

Phil also brought a completed Wing Manufacturing A-26 Invader he built from a short kit. He used a pair of Saito .50 engines for power.

PROGRAM

Rick Lick of Fibertech N More gave a talk about his business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

MINUTES OF THE 22 MARCH 2010 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the Davenport Village Inn by President Phil Vernon at 7:01

BUSINESS

Fuel Buy - Phil turned in the order today. He was able to make the order in case units. The fuel should be here in early April.

Museum Display - The response was low, maybe because it would be during flying season. The ultralight people are now trying to scale back their display.

Pylon League - The first race will be the end of May.

Fun Fly - Frank Lang needs a flyer to submit with the sanction request. Phil will print him one.

Norm Frye Memorial Field - The frequency board should go up around the 1st of April. The portapottie about the same time, if the ground is dry enough. Phil will make a couple more 2.4 gigahertz pins for the board.

Scott County Park - Mike Smith serviced the mower last fall.

Mall Show - Mike Smith reported that we took in \$238 and spent \$340, for a loss of \$102.

Hanger meeting - Dean Maupin has offered to host a meeting at his hanger.

Club Charter - The charter has arrived from AMA, and the insurance forms have been forwarded to the fields.

Web Site - We need to move the web site from the current host. Phil and James will look into a new host.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31

2010 Events Calendar

Mar 13	DRCS Mall Show, NorthPark Mall, Davenport
Apr 8-10	Weak Signals R/C Show, Toledo, OH
May 2	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Frye Field
Jun 6	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Frye Field
June 19	Scale Meet, Frye Field, Frye Field
June 27	Fun-Fly 2010, Streator RC Flyers
Jul 11-12	Sig Fly In, Montezuma, IA
Jul 18	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Frye Field
Jul 25	Flying Weenie Roast, Frye Field
Aug 15	Erie Fun Fly, Hillsdale, IL
Aug 15	Fly-In breakfast, Streator RC Flyers
Aug 22	QC Skyraiders Float Fly
Aug 29	Pylon Race, Frye Field, Davenport, IA
Sep 11	Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly, Frye Field
Sep 19	Pylon Make up date
Sep 19	Pekin Big Bird Fly In, Pekin, IL
Oct 3	War Bird Fly-In, Streator RC Flyers
Oct 9	DRCS Night Fly, Frye Field Davenport, IA
Oct 21-23	IHobby Expo, Rosemont, IL

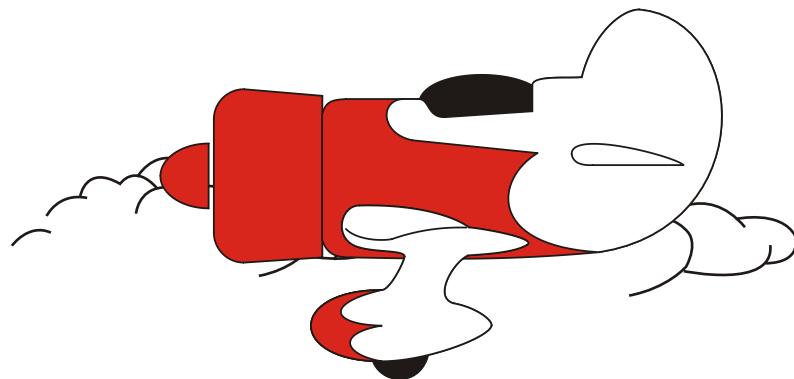
Midwest Pylon Racing League 2010 Race Schedule

Time Trials

9:30

Racing

10:30



May 2

June 6

July 18

August 29



Looking for an inexpensive way to upgrade your radio to 2.4 Ghz? Check out this offer from Hitec RCD. Thanks to Matt Gorzney for bringing this to my attention.

2.4GHz Promotional Module Exchange

Running April 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010. This is the offer mentioned by Jay Smith in Model Aviation Magazine. This offer is for a promotional module that is compatible with all modern Hitec module type radios as well as many Futaba™ Radios that use the FP-TP-FM series module (7U, 8U, 9C, & 9CS Radios). You send us any 72MHz Module along with the Order Form and \$20.00 + 4.95 S&H and we will send you a 2.4GHz Module. See <http://hitecrcd.com/files/ModuleExchangeOrderForm.pdf> for the order form.

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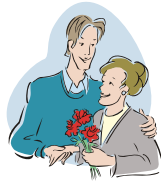
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Next meeting
Monday- April 12th
7:30 p.m.
Deere Wiman Carriage House



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